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Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Buczynski, Registration .No 35084 on 10/22/2009.

The applicant amendment was cancel claim 20 and amended claims 11 & 12.

Claim 20, Canceled .

Claim 11 **(Amended)**: The method as claimed in **claim 1**, wherein the request is transmitted by the confidence component in sub-step/a2-2/under conditions accessible to the applications of the first family.

Claim 12 **(Amended)**: The method as claimed in **claim 1**, wherein the response to the request returned by the second unit further includes a reference, said reference being stored by the confidence component and then inserted into the message transmitted in step/c/ to identify the question posed.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-19, 21 are allowed.

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2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: claims 1-20 have been found to be novel and the inventive because prior art of record fails to show or teach a method for communication between a first unit and a second unit via a telecommunications network, wherein the first unit comprises a first family of applications and a second family of applications, and the first unit imposes a limitation on the communications of the applications of the first family, said limitation being detectable by the second unit for determining whether a communication from the first unit is originated by an application of the first family or an application of the second family, the method comprising the steps of:

/a1/ executing in the first unit an application of the first family which was not downloaded from the second unit, the execution comprising posing a question to a user of the first unit;

/a2/ obtaining, by a confidence component belonging to the second family of applications, a statement of said question, said obtaining comprising the following sub-steps:

/a2-1/ indicating from said application of the first family to the confidence component an address of the second unit and a request to be submitted in order to obtain the statement of the question from the second unit;

/a2-2/ transmitting the request from the confidence component to the indicated address via the network;

/a2-3/ retrieving the statement of the question at the confidence component from a response to the request returned by the second unit via the network;

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/b/ presenting the question by the confidence component via a user interface and capturing a response from the user by the confidence component; and

/c/ for at least one type of response from the user, transmitting from the confidence component to the second unit, via the network, at least one message identifying the question presented and indicating the response captured, said message being transmitted without the limitation imposed to the applications of the first family, such that for the type of response reflecting a refusal of the user in relation to the question posed, the confidence component does not transmit the message of step/c/to the second unit, the transmission of the message transmitted in step/c/enabling a validation of the response of the user at the second unit by making sure that said message has actually been transmitted without the limitation imposed to the applications of the first family, the application unit directly recited in independent claims.

3. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to Applicant's disclosure.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, ANDERSON MATTHEW can be reached on (571)272-4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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